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Re: Request No. **DOC-NOAA-2019-001674**

Dear Nicholas Marritz,

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request entered into our tracking system, FOIAonline, 07/24/2019. Your request asked for records pertaining to:

“To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

All records related to NWS's mascot, Owlie Skywarn. These would include (but are not limited to) communications and documents related to the development and use of the Owlie Skywarn costume and character.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,



Nicholas Marritz”

NOAA determined that the cost for searching for responsive documents will exceed **\$25.00**. As required by the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR); 15 CFR Part 4.11(e), we are providing you with a fee estimate. The fee estimate is determined by the uniform fee schedule published in 15 CFR Part 4.11(c) (i). You meet the definition of requesters categorized as “Other.”

We estimate that the cost to search for and review responsive records will be approximately **\$50,624.00**. This estimate is based on approximately (904) hours of search time. This estimate does not include the cost of formatting or reproducing records because, until the initial search is complete, we have no way to estimate how many records, if any, would need to be copied.

15 CFR 4.11(i) (2), requires that you pay the estimated fee prior to receiving requested records. Please make your check or money order payable to the **Treasury of the United States**, and mail it to:

**NOAA Public Reference Facility (SOU 10000),
1315 East West Highway (SSMC3), Room 9719,
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910**

In compliance with FOIA regulations, the 20-business-day time frame for completing your FOIA request stops until payment is received. When your payment is received, we will continue to process your request. If payment or other communication is not received within 30 calendar days from **8/13/2019**, your FOIA request will be closed.

You may reduce this fee estimate by narrowing the scope of your request. If you wish to do that, please contact me. Please be aware that not all responsive documents are necessarily releasable under the FOIA. If you have any questions about your request or NOAA’s FOIA regulations or procedures, please contact me at rashada.jenkins@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,



Rashada Jenkins
FOIA Liaison, National Weather Service

